

# Without Bias

ASHBURTON BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2009

## MENS CLUB SINGLES FINAL

The Men's Club Singles Final between **Tony Villani** and **Ken Lawrence** was held on Sunday 18th January with Tony trying to win his fourth consecutive title. The marker for the day was Joseph Horsfield with rink 12 being used.

Ken started well and led after the first few ends but by the 10<sup>th</sup> end Tony led 8 - 5. Ken however was drawing well, and occasionally driving, and after 17 ends the scores were level at 10 all. Ken then skipped away to lead 20-11 and went on to win 26 - 15.

The wind was tricky but Ken's Classic 2's seemed to handle the conditions much better than Tony's Greenmaster Premier bowls which are quite a bit narrower. Tony's bowls often held their line and despite good weight finished wide whereas Ken's bowls drew well from a wider line. Will this cause a rethink for those contemplating a change ?

Tony should be very proud of his achievements over the last four years and to Ken, congratulations on a terrific display and a most worthy winner, his 6<sup>th</sup> Singles Final appearance and his 3<sup>rd</sup> win.

Well done!

## *Congratulations, Morena!*

**Morena Poropat** and **Tricia O'Shea** played in the final of the Ladies Singles Championship on Sunday 11th January. Liz Kortum was the marker and the game was played on rink 3.

Morena took an early lead, Tricia caught up, Morena again took the lead, Tricia *nearly* caught up (Tricia 21— Morena 24). Morena won the next end to take the game 27-21.

Many thanks to club members who attended — we hope you enjoyed the game. Thanks to the Social Committee for providing the celebratory dinner of Chicken and Champagne - a very enjoyable way to finish the day.

Morena will represent Ashburton in the Champion of Champions event. Good bowling and good luck, Morena.

Morena and Tricia will represent the club in the 29th Annual Sinclair Shield at the Heathmont club on Thursday 12th February. All VLBA club Singles Champions and Runners-Up receive an invitation to compete for the Sinclair Shield.



Left to Right: Morena Poropat, Tricia O'Shea, Liz Kortum (Marker).

### DIARY NOTE:

**THE COACHING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR 8TH FEBRUARY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

## LADIES COMMITTEE

The bowling season is back and it is great for all of us to resume the routine – however the recent hot weather has seen some of us wish for a cool change, especially on bowling days.

Our next major function is **GALA DAY** to be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** — now that should prove interesting! The organizers will be looking for lots of support from all the lady members on that day.

Congratulations to **Morena Poropat** on winning the Ladies Club Championship for the second consecutive year. At the time of going to print Morena has won her first match in the VLBA Champion of Champions, we wish her good luck for the remainder of the competition.

The After-Pennant Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at the **Malvernvale Hotel** in Malvern Road, please join us in the function room. Please put your name on the list if you wish to attend.

Good bowling to all for the remainder of the season

**Annette Campbell**  
Secretary Ladies Committee

A good friend is someone who  
knows you are a good egg,  
even if a little cracked.



### JEWELLERY MAKING DAY WITH LYN



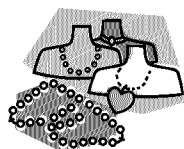
The jewellery making day last season with Vana Mayson was a great success. Lots of laughs and sharing stories as ladies busied themselves sorting out beads, deciding on colourways, threading, crimping, and finishing off their "very own" new jewellery item.

It is planned to hold another jewellery making day this season. **Lyn Maloney** has been honing her skills and techniques and she will be in charge of a "Day with Lyn" - scheduled for **10.15 am on Wednesday 25 March 2009**.

We hope that "word of mouth" will inspire others to try their hand at creating an original piece of jewellery—necklace or bracelet—for themselves, or as gifts for family and friends.

We look forward to your company for a few hours of creative entertainment.

- ◆ Cost — \$10 (includes beads, wire and clasps).
- ◆ BYO lunch.
- ◆ Tea / coffee and homemade slice provided.



A career  
change



A chap down the pub used to be a doctor, a renowned colorectal surgeon in fact. After 20 years of looking into peoples bottoms he decided a totally new career was in order and he decided to become a mobile car mechanic. He attended college and evening classes and eventually came his final practical exam to qualify as a competent mechanic. The examination consisted of correctly diagnosing a fault on a car, repairing it and leaving the vehicle running perfectly. He found it easy and waited eagerly for the exam results to drop through his letter box. When the envelope arrived it tore it open to find yes, he'd passed but with a score of 110%. Thinking there had been a mistake he telephoned his tutor to be told that the score was correct. The tutor explained he had been awarded 50% for finding the fault and removing the broken parts and 50% for putting the engine back together and leaving it running nicely. 100%, well done said the tutor. And what is the other 10% for he asked. That, replied the tutor, is because the examiners were so impressed with the way you did it all through the exhaust pipe!.

